



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma WA 98402

City Council Chambers

February 23, 2016

5:00 PM

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

Council Member Thoms participated telephonically.

## FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Woodards.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [16-0141](#) Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee (previously known as the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee), January 28, 2016.
2. [16-0125](#) Minutes of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, January 27, 2016.
3. [16-0120](#) Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, January 8, 2016.
4. [16-0133](#) Minutes of the Planning Commission, January 20, 2016.
5. [16-0130](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, January 13, 2016.
6. [16-0131](#) Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, January 13, 2016.

## CONSENT AGENDA

7. [16-0143](#) Minutes of the City Council study session, February 9, 2016.
8. [16-0103](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, January 26, 2016.
9. [16-0145](#) Minutes of the City Council meeting, February 2, 2016.

## RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES39387](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma, for a mutually beneficial track reconfiguration and improvement project, in the amount of \$2,000,000, budgeted from the Tacoma Rail Fund, toward completion of the project.  
[Alan Matheson, Chief Mechanical Officer; Dale King, Rail Superintendent]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39387.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 39387. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. [16-0134](#) Proclaiming February 23, 2016 as World Spay Day in the City of Tacoma.  
Mayor Strickland proclaimed February 23, 2016 as World Spay Day in the City and presented the proclamation to Ms. Melanie Manista Rushforth, Executive Director, Northwest Spay and Neuter Center.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment began at 5:10 p.m.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Lorenzo Cervantes, Latino Town Hall Task Force, speaking on Resolution No. 39391.
2. Juan Jose Chavez, Latino Town Hall Task Force, speaking on Resolution No. 39391.

Public Comment ended at 5:12 p.m.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

12.     [RES39388](#)     A resolution awarding a contract to Western Peterbilt, LLC, in the amount of \$935,546, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Fleet Equipment Rental Capital General Fund, to purchase five Peterbilt truck cab and chassis and one Peterbilt tractor - Washington State Contract No. 01513.  
[Justin E. Davis, Facilities Division Manager;  
Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39388.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

13. [RES39389](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with West Company, Inc., in the amount of \$200,000.00, for a cumulative total of \$2,123,636.63, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for improving the surfaces of the Schuster Parkway Bridge and Union Avenue Viaduct - Specification No. PW14-0552F.  
[Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager;  
Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39389.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

14. [RES39390](#) A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Tucci & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000.00, for a cumulative total of \$3,576,054.48, sales tax not applicable, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, for additional project improvements with the construction of the South Tacoma Way corridor from South 43rd Street to South 47th Street and from South 56th Street to South 66th Street - Specification No. PW15-0143F.  
[Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager;  
Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39390.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Woodards.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 15.     [RES39391](#)     A resolution authorizing the use of up to \$10,000 of City Council Contingency Funds for expenses related to the two Welcoming Cities Latino Roundtable Community Convenings.  
[Council Member Campbell]

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to adopt Resolution No. 39391.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Woodards and Mayor Strickland

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

**COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Government Performance and Finance Committee

Council Member Lonergan, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, stated the Committee has met four times since the last report, and at the January 6, 2016 meeting, the Committee heard presentations on the City’s Open Data Initiative, and an agreement with Pierce County Combined Communication Network regarding public safety radio system access fees. He reported at the January 20, 2016 meeting, Moss Adams reviewed the 2015 audit entrance conference, and at the February 3, 2016 meeting, the Committee conducted interviews for the Board of Ethics. He concluded by stating at the February 17, 2016 meeting, the Committee heard presentations relative to the implementation of building inspection fees, and for-hire regulations.

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Council Member McCarthy thanked Ms. Manista Rushforth and the Northwest Spay and Neuter Center for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Strickland provided information on Northwest Innovation Works proposed methanol plant, including the applicant’s decision to suspend its

application, suspending the environmental review, and the ability for the applicant to file another application or reinstate the current application.

Council Member Ibsen provided information on the City Council's annual Strategic Planning Work Session where the City Council discussed accomplishments and operational priorities, and goals and alignment with Tacoma 2025.

Council Member Campbell provided information on his conversations with citizens regarding the proposed methanol plant, and thanked the Mayor for providing information regarding the period of suspension.

Deputy Mayor Mello thanked the Mayor for providing information on the proposed methanol plant, and also provided information on the Puget Sound Energy Liquefied Natural Gas Facility's pending permits for demolition and shoreline work.

Council Member Woodards thanked the Mayor for providing information on the proposed methanol plant.

Mayor Strickland provided additional questions that have been raised regarding the proposed methanol plant, provided comments on maintaining the integrity of the review process, and why other jurisdictions have the ability to provide comments for or against the proposed plant.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk